

## THE CHARLEROI MAIL

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## ASKS BIDS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING

Treasury Department  
Seeks Proposals for  
Charleroi Work

TIME LIMIT IS MAY 31

To be Two Stories High with  
Basement—Face of Stone  
—Must be Fireproof

Elsewhere in this issue of the Mail appears an advertisement from the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C. asking for bids for the construction of the Public Federal building to be constructed in Charleroi. As the time limit for receiving bids is over as May 31, it is believed that this year will witness actual work on the structure at the corner of Seventh street and Fallowfield avenue.

According to the supervising architect of the treasury, James Knox Taylor, the building will occupy approximately 4,156 square feet of ground area. The bids must be for the construction of the building complete, which will include plumbing, gas piping, heating apparatus, electric conduits and wiring and lighting fixtures.

The building is to be two stories in height and is to have a finished basement. It is to be stone-faced, and is to have a slate roof. According to the specifications the whole structure, with the exception of the roof will have to be fireproof.

Inasmuch as the government owns necessary lots at the corner of Seventh street and Fallowfield avenue, or a total of about 12,000 or 13,000 square feet, and the building is to occupy only 4,156 square feet ground area there will be a large space around the structure for lawn. The bawling and specifications may be obtained by concreting from the custodian of the site or at his office at the discretion of the supervising architect.

## DEATH CLAIMS

## MRS. WILDERMAN

Well Known Woman Dies  
After Month's Illness at  
Home on Meadow Ave.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Wilderman, aged 82, the wife of Charles Wilderman, well known railroad man, died Friday evening at 5:30 o'clock at her home, 503 1/2 Meadow avenue. Illness from stomach trouble which lasted about a month, is stated as the cause of death. Funeral services will be held this evening at 7:30.

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Odd Fellows to Attend Service.  
All Odd Fellows residing in Charleroi and members of sister lodges are cordially invited to attend divine service at the Baptist church on Sunday, April 21 at 11 o'clock. The members will meet at the hall on the corner of Fifth street and Washington Avenue at 10:30 sharp and march in body to the church.

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.



If You are Contemplating  
The selection of a depository for your funds, consider the desirability of having on account with the First National Bank where you are sure of efficiency and dispatch in all transactions.

Accounts subject to check invited.

Open Saturday Evening from 8:00 to 9 o'clock

4 per cent. Interest Paid on Savings Accounts  
Depository for the State of Pennsylvania.ADVOCATE PLAN OF  
LIMITING EXPENSESRepublicans Propose Reform to Do Away With  
Certain Alleged Corrupt Expenditures of Candidates

Since the primary election one of the reforms advocated by Republicans is that of limiting the expenditure of candidates. This measure meets with the general approval of all elements irrespective of affiliation with either the Taft or the Roosevelt contingents.

The idea is to abolish the privilege of employing watchers at the polls and the expenditure of money for the transportation of voters as under these provisions much of the corrupt expenditure is made. In the dissemination of information as permitted under the present law is a loophole for unlimited expenditures, and it is

believed that this should be restricted to specified uses. Another source of political evil is the efforts of existing office holders to elect their successors, and some regulation to prevent this and leave the choice to the people without undue influence is also desired.

All of the present board of county officials have virtually expressed themselves in favor of these reforms in some form or other, and it is expected that some effort will be made to exert an influence in the direction of bringing about the desired changes.

SECOND RECEPTION  
BRILLIANT EVENTStudents and Faculty of Charleroi High School  
Entertain at School Hall—Mock Commencement a Feature

Ninth street school building and tion; however, a program was rendered. The High School orchestra had a Friday evening on the occasion of the second annual reception of the Charleroi High School. Combining their efforts students and members of the faculty royally entertained the five hundred and some persons. It was a pleasing break in the monotony of school life. The spirit of the sentiment well put in an old proverb "of making books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh" seemed to prevail.

The balcony and hall interior of the building was transformed into a bower of beauty. Red and black Charleroi High School colors reigned supreme in the decorations. Attracting first attention, white streamers were hung over the first steps leading from the Fallowfield entrance. Catching the eye beyond, around the bannister railing of the balcony were pennants of various descriptions, representing seemingly myriads of schools and colleges suspended against a background of white. Wrapped about the railing leading up the steps were ribbons of red and black. On the second floor were huge pennants and streamers, the red and black predominating. Classes of High School each had their pennants in class colors.

The one road desired to be improved, which the grand jury will be required to approve or disapprove, is the Main Creek road leading from Monongahela southwardly to a big brick road constructed by Carroll township. The estimated cost of the road is \$6,550.00, added to which is ten per cent for incidentals, bringing the total estimated cost up to \$7,315.55.

The other road, is known as the West Alexander-Burnsville road and lies entirely in the borough of West Alexander. The estimated cost is \$2,435, added to which is ten per cent for incidentals, making the total estimated cost \$2,678.50.

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Monessen  
Man LostBelieved That Tin Mill Worker Went to Bottom of Sea  
With Titanic

Among the passengers of the Titanic who lose their lives it is believed was a Monessen man, John Linja, a Finlander. Linja was a prosperous tin mill worker at Monessen. About a year ago he and his family started on a visit to Finland and were due to return on the ill-fated ship. In the list of passengers is given the name of John Linja, which the Monessen friends of Linja claim to be the man. It is also feared that Linja's family went to the bottom of the ocean too.

PETITION  
FOR ROADSGrand Jury to Pass Up  
on Two Highways  
in The County

## IN CARROLL TOWNSHIP

Pursuant to the resolution passed by the county commissioners, John A. Berry, Thomas Hill and A. P. Barnum this week, Solicitor Isaac W. Baum Thursday presented two petitions to the court for the proposed improvement of two stretches of road in the county, and prayed that the same be laid before the next grand jury on May 18, 1912. The petitions contained a copy of the resolution of the commissioners stating that they believed it expedient that these sections be improved, with the description of the roads proposed to be improved and estimated cost. Both roads will connect up improved roads and are short stretches.

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The Crescents Buy Uniforms.  
The Crescents baseball team has been organized and through donations of \$40 has been enabled to buy new uniforms. They will play the High School in their first game April 22. Austin Stahlman will pitch for High School and Howard Luderback for the Crescents. Any team wishing games with the Crescents write David Johns 216 Fallowfield avenue.

## Christmas Savings Club

In order to accommodate those who have not had an opportunity to join the Christmas Savings Club

## The Charleroi Savings &amp; Trust Co. Will Hold Their Books Open for Membership Until May 1st

Ask you neighbors about it.

They have joined and are delighted with the idea of saving a little every week and getting it in a lump sum two weeks before Christmas, just at a time when it will come in handy for presents.

Here is an Easy Way to Get it. A Sure Way to Have it.

Join Our Christmas Savings Club Which Started April 1st.

In Class 1, pay 1c the 1st week, 2c the 2nd week, 3c the 3rd week, 4c the 4th week, 5c the 5th week, 6c the 6th week and so on for 36 weeks, and two weeks before Christmas we will mail you a check for \$6.66 with interest at 3 per cent.

Or in Class 2, pay 2c the 1st week, 4c the 2d week, 6c the 3d week, and so on and we will mail you a check two weeks before Christmas for \$18.32 with interest at 3 per cent.

Or in Class 5, pay 5c the 1st week, 10c the 2d week, 15c the 3d week, and so on and we will mail you a check two weeks before Christmas for \$33.30 with interest at 3 per cent.

Payments Must be Made Every Week, or May Be Made in Advance.

Can you think of an easier way to provide money for Christmas presents?

Join yourself—get everyone in the family to join. Show this to your friends and get them to join.

Everybody is Welcome to Join.

Make Your Christmas A Merry One.

CHARLEROI SAVINGS & TRUST CO.

Charleroi, Penna.

## WILL CUT INTO NEW SYSTEM AT MIDNIGHT

Arrange For  
Special CarKnights Templar Prepare to  
Attend Tournoi to be Held  
in PittsburghBell Telephone Company  
Installing Improved  
ExchangeNO MORE BELL RINGING  
Subscribers May Get Central  
Without Having to First  
Whirl Crank

Previously at midnight tonight the new common battery system upon which the Bell Telephone company has been working for sometime, will be cut in. This means that tomorrow morning local subscribers to call central will not have to use their small like piston rods turning a crank, but with the one performance of hitting the receiver off the hook will be enabled to summon the operator. Putting in the call is a matter-of-fact affair of performance with which everybody is familiar.

For the present the telephone boxes now in the offices and homes of the various subscribers will have to be used, but the company will remove them and install eight new devices where there isn't a crank in sight as soon as possible. The one thing to remember tomorrow and hereafter until this is accomplished in calling central is to not whirl the crank.

Another change has been made that will be welcomed by local subscribers. That is to get calls between Monongahela and Brownsville which includes the Charleroi district "long distance" does not have to be called. The purpose in doing away with this is to remove what to the average subscriber has seemed an added burden to him and an unnecessary bit of system.

HAS PICTURES  
OF THE TITANICManager R. S. Coyle Arranges Photoplays to be  
Shown at Coyle Theatre

Manager R. S. Coyle, of the Coyle Theatre, telephoned the Mail from Pittsburgh today that he has been successful in securing a moving picture film of the ill-fated ocean liner Titanic, which was wrecked Monday morning off the Newfoundland coast with such terrific loss of life. This film will be exhibited Monday at the Coyle Theatre and it will be the second release since its arrival. It is being shown today in Pittsburgh and Monday it will come to Charleroi.

The film shows the Titanic at Southampton, just previous to her departure on her ill-fated voyage. Captain Smith the gallant commander who went down with his ship is shown as well as the three decks, which were a part of the luxurious appointments of the liner. The film of course does not show any details of the wreck. It is a good picture of the ill-fated liner, and while not so extensive in detail, gives a graphic impression of the principal in one of the greatest tragedies of the deep.

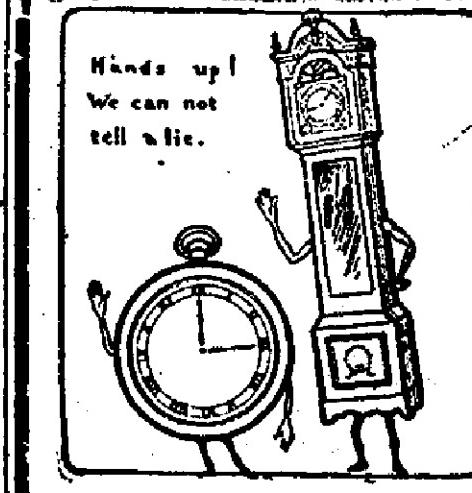
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A box social will be held at Galbraith's School, East Pike Run township, three miles from Coal Centre, Saturday evening, April 27, for the benefit of the school. A short program will be rendered previous to the social, beginning at 7:30 sharp. Ice cream and other refreshments will also be served. Ladies are requested to bring lunch for two, in shape of either box or pie. Everybody is invited to come and spend the evening in a pleasant social gathering and help a good cause.

Saturday Night Dance.

Might Auditorium. Social dance 8 o'clock. Wheeler's. 218-tf

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## A Good Time Keeper

can be obtained from us for the price of the unreliable clocks with which the market is flooded. Warranted for accuracy, and only needing regular winding, to be "on the minute" for seven days a week. Adjusted to heat and cold, and regulated before they leave our hands.

We do our own lens grinding.  
Agents for Mear's Ear Phone.

John B. Schafer

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dence of good faith and not neces-  
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## TELEPHONES

Bell 76 Charlo- 76

Member of the Monongahela Valley  
Press Association

## ADVERTISING RATES

DISPLAY—Fifteen cents per inch,  
least insertion. Rates for large space  
contracts made known on application.

READING NOTICES—Such as  
business locals, notices of meetings,  
resolutions of respect, cards of thanks  
etc. 5 cents per line.

LEGAL NOTICES—Legal, official,  
and similar advertising including that  
in settlement of estates, public sales,  
live stock, stray notices, notices to  
teachers, 10 cents per line, first inser-  
tion, 5 cents a line each additional in-  
sertion.

## LOCAL AGENCIES

G. S. Micht.....Charlo-  
roi  
Mrs. Belle Sharpnack.....Lock No. 4  
C. T. Hixenbaugh.....Belle Vernon  
C. T. Hixenbaugh.....Spoers

## April 20 in American History.

1861—Colonel Robert E. Lee resigned  
his commission in the United States  
army.

1902—Severe earthquake throughout  
the whole of California.

1902—Frank R. Stockton, the novelist,  
died, born 1834.

1906—Fires checked in San Francisco.  
Total deaths recorded 488. Loss  
from fire over \$300,000,000. Gross  
loss from all causes over \$1,000,  
000,000.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.  
(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)  
Sun sets 6:45, rises 5:12. Evening  
stars: Mars, Saturn. Morning stars:  
Venus, Jupiter, Mercury.

## CO-OPERATION.

It is an old saying that the devil  
must sometimes be fought with his  
own weapons, and the way for the  
plain people to offset the high prices  
which trusts and combinations impose  
upon them is to go into the trust bus-  
iness themselves. This can be done  
through the medium of co-operation.  
That co-operative buying and selling  
can be successfully carried out is  
evidenced by the marked success that  
has attended the conduct of the local  
association, a general summary of  
which is given in another column.  
The Rochdale store plan which is  
now safe-guarded by State laws, is  
as safe as the banking system of the  
State.

This system of co-operation can be  
carried out in the conduct of a curb  
market with the same beneficial re-  
sults without the expenditure of a  
single dollar for capital stock. All  
that is necessary is for the people  
to contribute patronage and effort.  
A co-operation of this by all the peo-  
ple of the town will work wonders in  
the course of two or three years. If  
the farmers are assured of this co-  
operation they will have an incentive  
to make extra efforts to supply the  
demands. It is up to the people now  
to help themselves.

## MONEY MUST GO.

The movement to eliminate the ex-  
cessive expenditure of money by  
candidates for county and other pub-  
lic offices is one that meets the ap-  
proval of all who are interested in  
the conduct of clean elections. While  
our present corrupt practices law  
seeks in a measure to safeguard this  
feature enough loopholes are left  
open to evade the restrictions the  
law would impose. As conditions now  
are, candidates seeking the nomina-  
tion of county offices in particular  
are put to the extremity of spending  
more money frequently than the of-  
fice pays as salary.

That practically all of the present

county officials are in favor of this  
reform should constitute a sentiment  
that will be a factor in effecting the  
necessary changes to correct the evils  
possible under the present law. So  
long as the bars are down some can-  
didates will start out to make lavish  
expenditures, which virtually have to  
be followed by others in order to  
stand an equal chance in the contest.  
The result is that the contest oft-  
times is decided in favor of the can-  
didate who has the longest purse.  
This is a pernicious condition and the  
sooner the evil is corrected the better  
will conditions be all around.

## ELECTRIC SPARKS

Most anybody can get votes if he  
has the nerve to run.

It is about time they were getting  
the steam roller oiled up.

The whole civilized world today is  
agreed that the Titanic established a  
record.

One place where the power of ad-  
vertising fails is in getting a man to  
kick Jack Johnson.

Roosevelt hasn't admitted it but it  
is rumored nobody was as much sur-  
prised at the Pennsylvania primaries  
as he.

Why people move to Charlo-  
roi is a question that is much puzzling to  
Monessen folks. It's funny they  
don't know.

A busy man's idea of rest is to do  
only three-fourths as much work as  
he would when going at his usual  
breakneck speed.

They have barred Plymouth Rock  
chickens over at Monessen. However  
not from the borough, where they  
will stand for anything.

A noiseless aeroplane has been in-  
vented that cannot be heard 50 yards  
away. The trouble with that kind of a  
machine is that it would have to be  
equipped with a fog horn.

Ex-President Diaz of Mexico in a  
recent interview declared that he  
realized the iron hand alone would  
keep Mexico prosperous and peace-  
ful. The Mexican people, however,  
decided that his wasn't the particular  
iron hand they needed.

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"sweet william." As a matter of  
fact most people didn't know until  
that sweet effusion broke forth that  
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## PICKED UP IN PASSING

The announcement that the Charlo-  
roi Progressive Co-operative Asso-  
ciation, better known as the Co-opera-  
tive Store, at 620 Fallowfield avenue,

will celebrate its tenth anniversary  
on Monday, April 22, serves to call  
attention to one of the most suc-  
cessful instances of co-operative busi-  
ness ever achieved in this country.

Founded upon the old Rochdale plan  
of co-operative buying and selling  
that was developed in England and  
Scotland many years ago, and which  
has reached gigantic proportions, the  
Charlo-roi Progressive Co-operative  
Association has had a remarkable

career of steady advancement. It  
was organized by a handful of work-  
ing people in 1902 with a capital of  
\$400 and a membership of 25. In that

year the monthly receipts barely  
amounted to \$1,000. Now with a  
membership of 564 the receipts aver-

age over \$1,000 a week.

The Rochdale Store plan is a  
simple method of the co-operative  
buying and selling of merchandise. It  
has been worked out on a scientific  
basis of accuracy to such an extent  
that an observance of the regulations  
put on a basis as safe as the  
banking system of either State or  
Nation. As it is practically im-  
possible for a National or State bank  
to fail if the directors obey the law,  
it is also equally impossible for a  
business conducted on the Rochdale

plan to go wrong if the regulations  
and laws are fully observed. It may  
not be generally known that Pennsyl-  
vania has laws governing co-opera-  
tive associations, which outlines a

specific system of procedure and pro-  
vides how the business shall be con-  
ducted in regard to the division of

profits and the safe-guarding of  
stock holders. Thus it will be seen

that the plan of co-operation as

carefully safe-guarded by law as the

operation of a bank.

The Charlo-roi Progressive Co-op-  
erative Association conducts a store  
business on a capital stock composed  
of shares taken by the members. As  
soon as these shares are paid up six  
per cent interest is paid to the holders  
quarterly. In addition members re-  
ceive a dividend of four per cent on  
all the groceries and ten per cent on  
all the dry goods and shoes purchased.  
This dividend is also paid quarterly.  
To become a member one must pay a  
fee of \$1 and make application, and  
his application is voted upon by the  
board of directors. If approved each  
member must take \$25 in shares, \$5  
in permanent stock and \$20 in ordi-  
nary stock. The first cannot draw  
interest until it is all paid up. The  
stock can either be paid for in cash  
or it can be paid for by the dividends  
on the purchases of the members, so  
that a member need not pay a cent  
in cash into the association in order  
to pay for his stock. The advantage  
of paying for stock in cash is that the  
member begins to receive interests at  
once on his stock. The permanent  
stock, however, must be paid up with-  
in a year.

The association has also a benefi-  
cial feature, which is called the  
Rochdale Sick and Death Fund. Ten  
per cent of the net profits of the  
business are set aside for this fund,  
and under certain provisions mem-  
bers are paid sick and death benefits,  
and are given free physicians' service  
up to a certain amount. To be eligible  
to receive these benefits members  
must have belonged one year; to have  
bought a minimum of \$100 worth of  
goods from the association a year for  
each and every separate year of mem-  
bership and to have the amount of  
permanent and ordinary stock paid  
up. Sick benefits are paid in goods  
only, at the rate of half of the weekly  
average of the purchases of the mem-  
ber. The death benefit is cash which  
is \$10 plus one per cent of the en-  
tire purchases of the member, since  
his admission. Free physician's ser-  
vices to the extent of \$25 a year is  
also allowed each member eligible to  
the benefits of the Rochdale Sick and  
Death Fund. As these benefits are  
dependent upon the business of the  
association, the same as that of an  
insurance company, it will be seen  
that the provisions can be readily  
carried out.

The Association also has a Ready  
company, which purchased the lot  
and erected the handsome new stone  
building at 620 Fallowfield avenue  
three years ago. While this com-  
pany operates under a separate char-  
ter, it is under the jurisdiction of the  
parent association, and cannot be sep-  
arated from control of the members  
in any way. The accounts are audited  
quarterly and statements furnished  
to the members of the business of the  
association. The gross business of  
the last quarter amounted to \$14,  
558.74, which shows an annual busi-  
ness of nearly \$60,000. The associa-  
tion is constantly extending its sphere  
of action, and is widening the bene-  
fits of its members. On the 27th of  
this month the association will open  
a branch store in Monessen with a  
membership of 91, which is consider-  
ed a good field for operation.

The officers of the Charlo-roi Pro-  
gressive Co-operative Association are:  
President, John Leyda; vice  
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## DEATH CLAIMS

### MRS WILDEMAN

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clock at the late home, conducted by Rev. F. A. Richards of the Methodist Episcopal church. The body will be taken to Upper Middletown, Fayette county, Sunday morning on the 24th, train, and interment will be at that place.

Besides one husband, two children, men, aged 11 years and Pauline, aged 8 years survive. Her father, William Rader of Upper Middletown also survives.

Mrs. Wildeman and her husband lived here for some years. She was a well known woman and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Wildeman is employed on the Monongahela Division of the Pennsylvania railroad as a section foreman.

## HAS PICTURES

### OF THE TITANIC

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Owing to the increased price for this film at this time the admission will be raised from 5 to 10 cents.

Louis Ritzku, the celebrated Hungarian Gypsy violinist will also be at the Coyle Monday.

#### Silk and Satins.

The news from Paris is that taffeta and surah coats and skirts lead everything else. They have taken the place of linen or serge and of foulard. "The only trimming beyond a few cord loops and braid buttons is a pointed collar on the coat made of the kind of linen used for men's dress shirts. By the way, this linen is in high fashion now, and is made into plain blouses with Irish lace collars for autumn wear.

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## SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

### St. Mary's Episcopal.

Corner Sixth and Lookout. Early celebration of the holy communion at 8. Sunday school and Bible classes at 9:45. Morning prayer and sermon at 11. Subject of discourse, "Public Calamities. A Lesson From the Great Sea Disaster." Evening prayer and address at 7:30. Rev. Lucius W. Shry, rector.

### Methodist.

Sunday school at 9:45. Public worship and sermon on "The Problem of Disaster," at 10:45. Jr. Epworth League at 2. Epworth League at 6:30. Public worship and sermon on "Marriage" at 7:30. You are always sure of a welcome at the "home-like church." Rev. F. A. Richards, minister.

### Baptist.

Bible school at 9:45. Morning worship at 11, with sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The Uniqueness of Jesus." Young People's meeting at 6:30. Leader, Miss Clara Cooper. Members of Charleroi Lodge No. 1030 I. O. O. F. will attend the morning service in a body. Rev. E. G. Stanley, pastor.

### Washington Avenue Presbyterian

Sabbath school at 9:45. Preaching at 11. Sermon, "The Overshadowing Presence." Jr. C. E. at 2:30. Topic "Our Enemies." Sr. C. E. at 7. Topic "Perseverance." Leader, Thomas Jeffries. Preaching at 8. Sermon "The Day Spring From on High." Visitors are cordially welcomed. Rev. John R. Burson, pastor.

### First Christian.

Bible school at 9:45. We begin a contest with the Monessen Bible School. Your presence is desired. Lord's Supper and preaching at 11. Subject, "S. O. S." Evening worship at 7:30. The Charleroi Auxiliary of the C. W. B. M. will have charge of this service. An excellent program has been arranged. Miss Elsie Taylor of Pittsburgh, secretary of Western Penna District of the C. W. B. M. will deliver the address. This is the People's church. All are welcome. Rev. E. N. Duty, pastor.

### Metropolitan Baptist.

Sermon by pastor at 11. Theme, "Access to God." Sermon by Rev. S. J. Johnson at 3 p. m. Sermon by pastor at 8. Theme, "Watching the Ships." All are welcome. Rev. W. B. Crawford, pastor.

Miss Ursula Wheeler has gone to Pittsburg for a few days visit.

### DANCING SCHOOL

AT DONORA  
Monday night, April 22. Wheeler's Orchestra. 218-45

## TO GIVE FIRST

(Continued from First Page)

This black face contingent will be boned—Seward Fleming, McClellan Phillips, Frank Miller, timber—Albert Ferguson, Earl McElroy, and Fred W. Brady. Soloists in the opening part will be McClellan Phillips, Edward Miller, Earl Michener, Walter Urban, Albert Ferguson, Frank Miller, Mark Wheeler, Doss James and Fred Brady.

As usual the olio will be made a featuring part. Fred W. Brady will open this part by a monologue. Armroza and Sharkey, comedy novelty jugglers and acrobats will give a sketch and the Colonial quintet, which has become one of Charleroi's noted organizations will render several old time melodies and popular songs. James Buchanan, cartoonist, will produce a sketch and Doss T. James and company will render a piece. The show will close with an afterpiece, "Plantation Days in Alabama." This is described as a rip roaring farce.

Earl W. Taylor is the manager of the show, and Frank Miller is the assistant manager. Clifford Marchand is the electrician, James Oates, the stage manager and C. B. Copelan the advertising manager. Wheeler's orchestra has been engaged to furnish special orchestral music for the occasion.

## LOCAL MENTION

Lorenzo Flowers of the valiant Seventy-fourth, Pa., which did good service during the Civil war, left this morning for Aspinwall where he will be the guest of relatives for a short time.

Harvey H. Dawson of the firm of Dawson & Young of Beallsville was a recent caller on friends in Charleroi.

J. A. Collette of Uniontown was in Charleroi on business.

### IS DEAN OF ALL INDIANS

Sitting Elk, Mighty Warrior Who Never Killed White Man, is Oldest Redman.

Oldest of all Indians in the United States, Sitting Elk, former chief of the Ogallala Sioux, is visiting in Denver, the guest of the white man, against whom he always refused to make war.

For almost a century he has been a leader among his people, but, wiser than other chiefs, he early realized that the red man was doomed and at every opportunity, he counseled peace with the palefaces.

He could well afford to do so, for his people knew he was no coward.

"I have never killed a white man," he proudly boasts. "But I have fought many battles, and I have done many brave deeds in my long life of ninety-six years. I was but seventeen when I waylaid and killed my first enemy. That was a very brave deed. Since then I have killed many, many enemies."

Sitting Elk is a total abstainer. He smokes cigarettes, but finds he has none of the other bad habits of the white man. He is childless, the last of his line, but he expects to live for many years more—to be here and hearty long after he has passed the century.

Sitting Elk moves tall and stately among his kinmen and pulls his pipe with a complacency uninfused by thoughts of any immediate return to the happy hunting grounds.

Bright of eye, keen of mind, the old warrior does not mind death for his appearance with the young members of his tribe in the Redlong dashes across the amphitheater in the 100 yards, and rides with an abandon which defies the spectator to imagine him from the reckless recklessness we have but one-fourth his years to their credit.

#### Much in Little.

"What is your master of Congress noted for?" "Well," answered Farmer Corttassel, "around here he's mostly noted for arguments that won't go down and seeds that won't come up."

#### Satan's Wiles.

"Satan is mighty hard to keep ahead of," said Uncle Eben. "After sayin', 'Git behind me, Satan,' dar's always a terrible temptation to turn around an' see whether he done as you axed 'im."

#### Dispenses With Lungs.

There is a newt (Triton or Euprotus montanus) in Corsica which lives under stones in the dry beds of streams and dispenses with lungs.

#### The Poor Rich and the Rich Poor.

There is that maketh himself rich yet hath nothing. There is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great wealth.—Proverbs of Solomon, xii:7.

#### To Cool Ship's Magazines.

Considerable attention continues to be given to the cooling of magazines on board naval vessels. Various types of refrigerating apparatus have been examined by the ordnance experts. On the new battleships authorized at the last session of congress there will be installed six refrigerating machines, four of which will be used for cooling the magazines.

## NEW LEADERSHIP A TAFT POLICY

(Continued from First Page)

Leadership and Cooperation Measure Progress.

### JUSTICE IS ITS OBJECT.

President Approves Proposed Legislation Making Federal Labor Laws Fit Modern Conditions—Legal Machinery Simplified.

As the result of the personal interest of President Taft in all matters affecting the workmen of the country, congress has before it today a comprehensive bill on employers' liability and workmen's compensation which is recognized as one of the most progressive of the many achievements of the Taft administration. The bill was reported by a commission appointed by President Taft pursuant to a joint resolution of congress passed on June 25, 1910, and it was recently sent to congress by the president, accompanied with a message recommending its passage. As drafted the measure provides an exclusive remedy and compensation for accidental injuries resulting in disabilities or death to employees of common carriers engaged in interstate or foreign commerce or in the District of Columbia.

This comprehensive legislation is the direct outcome of the general unsatisfactoriness of labor legislation passed by congress in recent years and is illustrative of the Taft method of reaching an admitted evil by a painstaking investigation followed by carefully considered laws. As is well known, the first employers' liability law passed in the last administration was declared unconstitutional by the courts. A new law to take its place was passed under this administration, but it was generally understood at the time that the comprehensive measure now before congress was to follow, both as to liability and compensation, as soon as the necessary investigation into the subject could be made. The result is that the workmen of the United States, so far as they can be reached by federal law, will soon be working under one of the most enlightened labor laws on record.

Provision is made in the bill, as drafted tentatively, that every common carrier engaged in interstate or foreign commerce shall pay compensations in the amounts specified in the bill to any of its employees who sustains personal injury by accident arising out of and in the course of his employment and resulting in his disability or to his dependents in case of death.

It is provided in the bill that the injured employee shall have medical attendance and surgical aid when necessary, the last mentioned being limited to \$200. The monthly wages of an employee are deemed to be twenty-six times the established day's pay, and \$60 is the minimum monthly wage payment. It is also provided that all compensation shall be paid monthly unless then I have killed many, many enemies."

Death benefits are provided for at a specific percentage of the man's wages to be paid to the widow with an increase in the amount when there are dependent children, and in case of no dependents the payment of the burial expenses is required. The matter of personal injury compensation is also covered in fair and equitable provision.

Another feature of the proposed act is a clear definition of the term "dependent" as well as of what constitutes an "injury" and an "employee." Legal complications are provided for, reports of accidents, payments and operations under the law to the interstate commerce commission are required, and it is declared that the proposed act shall take effect on July 1, 1912, and cited as "the federal compensation act of 1912."

In its investigations of this subject the commission determined at the outset that in substance the doctrines of the common law originating under comparatively simple conditions were unjust as applied to the complex relations of master and servant. The use of complicated machinery, steam and electricity has had the effect of increasing the deplorable antagonism between employer and employee and often giving a few injured employees large and frequently extravagant damages, while the great majority have been left to bear the entire burden without any recompense whatever.

At the time of the adoption of the common law rules of liability industrial conditions were radically different from those of today. The number of employees was smaller because there were few big industrial plants.

The business carried on was small in extent, the appliances used in the work consisted largely of hand tools,

while the power was simple in character, with little danger to the employee. Under such conditions the rules of common law originated.

Today there is a vast difference.

President Taft, in the message which transmitted the report of the commission to congress, aptly says, in speaking of the proposed bill, "that it is one of the great steps of progress toward a satisfactory solution of an important phase of the controversies between employers and employees that have been proposed within the last two or three decades. The old rules of liability under the common law were adapted to a different age and condition and were

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DELEGATES PLEDGED TO  
TAFT.

On Friday, April 12, 1912, the delegates to the Republican national convention pledged to President Taft were as follows:
Alabama.....22
Alaska.....2
Colorado.....8
District of Columbia.....2
Florida.....12
Georgia.....26
Illinois.....2
Indiana.....20
Iowa.....8
Kentucky.....23
Louisiana.....6
Michigan.....18
Mississippi.....20
Missouri.....14
New Mexico.....7
New York.....83
Oklahoma.....4
Philippines.....2
South Carolina.....16
Vermont.....6
Virginia.....24
Total.....341
Pledged to Roosevelt, 113.
Pledged to La Follette, 36.
Pledged to Cummins, 4.
Necessary for choice, 539.

evidently drawn by men imbued with the importance of preserving the employees from burdensome or unjust liabilities. It was treated as a personal matter of each employee, and the employees were put on a level of dealing which, however it may have been in the past, certainly creates injustice to the employee under the present conditions.

The attention of congress to the great injustice of the present system was called by President Taft. He mentioned the fact that often the recovery of large sums in damage verdicts did not result in actual benefit to the injured person on account of the heavy expenses in litigation. The president expressed the belief that these burdens would disappear with the enactment of the proposed law, since the consequences are limited to a reasonable amount.

As further stated by the president, "the great object of the proposed law is to secure justice to the weaker party under existing modern conditions." He also declared that he would use his influence to aid in the enactment of the proposed law before the adjournment of the present session of congress.

#### Tendered Surprise.

A pleasant surprise was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Setwell Friday evening in honor of their son Anthony's tenth birthday. There were about 30 guests present. The evening was pleasantly spent with games and music. Lunch was served.

William Evans is transacting business in Pittsburg today.

## Classified Ads.

WANTED—Girl for general house-work. Apply to Mrs. Geo. Wagner, 415 McKean avenue. 220-14

WANTED—Salesman to travel. Waterproof Rain Coat Co., 608 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 218-16

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FOR RENT—Three roomed house 206 Prospect avenue. Inquire Blythe Real Estate Agency. 221-22

FOR RENT—Flat of 5 rooms, suitable for office purposes. Inquire, Greenberg Bros. 220-18

# THE CHARLEROI MAIL

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One Cent

## ASKS BIDS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING

Treasury Department  
Seeks Proposals for  
Charleroi Work

TIME LIMIT IS MAY 31

To be Two Stories High with  
Basement—Face of Stone  
—Must be Fireproof

Elsewhere in this issue of the Mail appears an advertisement from the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C. asking for bids for the construction of the Public Federal building to be constructed in Charleroi. As the time limit for receiving bids is given as May 31, it is believed that this year will witness actual work on the structure at the corner of Seventh street and Fallowfield avenue.

According to the supervising architect of the treasury, James Knox Taylor, the building will occupy approximately 4,156 square feet of ground area. The bids must be for the construction of the building complete, which will include plumbing, gas piping, heating apparatus, electric conduits and wiring and lighting fixtures.

The building is to be two stories in height and is to have a finished basement. It is to be stone-faced, and is to have a slate roof. According to the specifications the whole structure, with the exception of the roof, will have to be fireproof.

Inasmuch as the government owns practically six lots at the corner of Seventh street and Fallowfield avenue, or a total of about 12,000 or 18,000 square feet, and the building is to occupy only 4,156 square feet ground area, there will be a large space around the structure for lawn. The drawings and specifications may be obtained by contractors from the custodian of the site or at his office at the discretion of the supervising architect.

## DEATH CLAIMS

### MRS. WILDERMAN

Well Known Woman Dies After Month's Illness at Home on Meadow Ave.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Wilderman, aged 32, the wife of Charles Wilderman, a well known railroad man, died Friday evening at 5:30 o'clock at her home, 503 1/2 Meadow avenue. Illness from stomach trouble which lasted about a month, is stated as the cause of death. Funeral services will be held this evening at 7:30.

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Odd Fellows to Attend Service. All Odd Fellows residing in Charleroi and members of sister lodges are cordially invited to attend divine service at the Baptist church on Sunday, April 21 at 11 o'clock. The members will meet at the hall on the corner of Fifth street and Washington avenue at 10:30 sharp and march in a body to the church.

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## ADVOCATE PLAN OF LIMITING EXPENSES

Republicans Propose Reform to Do Away With Certain Alleged Corrupt Expenditures of Candidates

Since the primary election one of the reforms advocated by Republicans is that of limiting the expenditure of political evil is the efforts of existing office holders to elect their successors, and some regulation to prevent this and leave the choice to the people without undue influence is also desired.

The idea is to abolish the privilege of employing watchers at the polls and the expenditure of money for the transportation of voters as under these provisions much of the corrupt expenditure is made. In the dissemination of information as permitted under the present law is a loophole for unlimited expenditures, and it is

believed that this should be restricted to specified uses. Another source of political evil is the efforts of existing office holders to elect their successors, and some regulation to prevent this and leave the choice to the people without undue influence is also desired.

All of the present board of county officials have virtually expressed themselves in favor of these reforms in some form or other, and it is expected that some effort will be made to exert an influence in the direction of bringing about the desired changes.

## SECOND RECEPTION BRILLIANT EVENT

Students and Faculty of Charleroi High School Entertain at School Hall—Mock Commencement a Feature

Ninth street school building and School Hall presented a gay scene Friday evening on the occasion of the second annual reception of the Charleroi High School. Combining their efforts students and members of the faculty royally entertained the five hundred and some persons. It was a pleasing break in the monotony of school life. The spirit of the semi-monthly put in an old proverb "of making books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh," seemed to prevail.

The balcony and hall interior of the building was transformed into a bower of beauty. Red and black the Charleroi High School colors reigned supreme in the decorations. Attracting first attention, white streamers were hung over the first steps leading from the Fallowfield entrance.

Catching the eye beyond, around the bannister railing of the balcony were pennants of various descriptions, representing seemingly myriads of schools and colleges suspended against a background of white. Wrapped about the railing leading up the steps were ribbons of red and black. On the second floor were huge pennants and streamers, the red and black predominating. Classes of High School each had their pennants in class colors.

The one road desired to be improved, which the grand jury will be required to approve or disapprove, is the Pigeon Creek road leading from Monongahela southwardly to a big brick road constructed by Carroll township. The estimated cost of the road is \$6,650.50, added to which is ten per cent for incidents, bringing the total estimated cost up to \$7,315.55.

The other road is known as the West Alexander-Burnsville road and lies entirely in the borough of West Alexander. The estimated cost is \$2,435, added to which is ten per cent for incidents, making the total estimated cost \$2,678.50.

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## Christmas Savings Club

In order to accommodate those who have not had an opportunity to join the Christmas Savings Club

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Or in Class 3, pay 5c the 1st week, 10c the 2nd week, 15c the 3rd week, and so on and we will mail you a check two weeks before Christmas for \$33.30 with interest at 3 per cent.

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The committee in charge of local transportation has arranged to have special cars for the return trip from the Knights' Templar tournoi to be held at Exposition Hall, next Wednesday, April 24. Cars will leave the exposition building where the tournoi will be held at 2:30 o'clock and run to Roscoe. All members of the Masonic fraternity and their sons under twenty-one years of age who attend the tournoi will be presented with complimentary admission to the Knights' Templar ball to be held at Exposition Hall May 28, during the State convention.

### TO GIVE MINSTREL

Production by Colonial Cast to be Under Lodge Auspices

### BOTH PARTS FEATURES

Final rehearsals are being held by the Colonial Minstrels in preparation for their minstrel production to be given at the Turn Verein theatre Monday and Tuesday evenings. John Jenkins is the director of the minstrel and some of the best home talent to be had composes the cast. The show will be given under the auspices of Charleroi Circle, No. 308 Protected Home Circle and the money raised will be placed in the relief funds.

The first part of the minstrel will vary in a sense from the ordinary minstrel opening piece. It will start off with a sketch, "A Night in Taylor Brother's Apartments," after which the opening chorus will be sung by the entire company. Members of the chorus will be Doss T. James, Walter Urban, Mark Wheeler, Harry Ray, Frank G. Taylor, Earl W. Taylor, Edward Miller, and Harold Crill.

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A box social will be held at Galbraith's School, East Pike Run township, three miles from Coal Centre, Saturday evening, April 27, for the benefit of the school. A short program will be rendered previous to the social, beginning at 7:30 sharp. Ice cream and other refreshments will also be served. Ladies are requested to bring lunch for two, in shape of either box or pie. Everybody is invited to come and spend the evening in a pleasant social gathering and help a good cause.

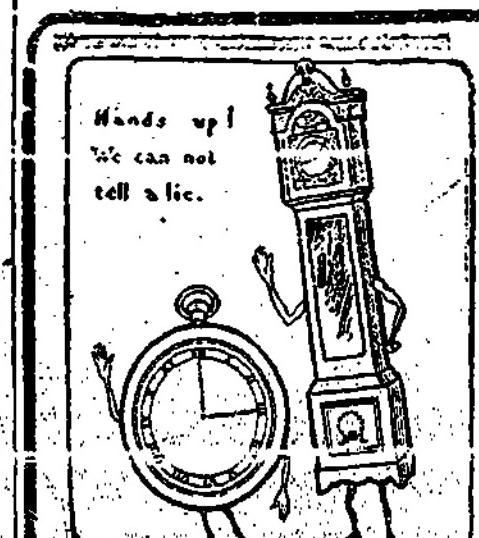
### HAS PICTURES OF THE TITANIC

Manager R. S. Coyle Arranges Photoplays to be Shown at Coyle Theatre

Manager R. S. Coyle, of the Coyle Theatre, telephoned the Mail from Pittsburgh today that he has been successful in securing a moving picture film of the ill-fated ocean liner Titanic, which was wrecked Monday morning off the Newfoundland Banks with such terrific loss of life. This film will be exhibited Monday at the Coyle Theatre and it will be the second release since its arrival. It is being shown today in Pittsburgh, and Monday it will come to Charleroi.

The film shows the Titanic at Southampton, just previous to her departure on her ill-fated voyage. Capt. Smith, the gallant commander who went down with his ship, is shown as well as the three decks, which were a part of the luxurious appointments of the liner. The film of course does not show any details of the wreck. It is a good picture of the ill-fated liner, and while not so extensive in detail, gives a graphic impression of the principal in one of the greatest tragedies of the deep.

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## LOCAL AGENCIES

G. S. Might.....Charleroi  
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## April 20 in American History.

1861—Colonel Robert E. Lee resigned his commission in the United States army.

1862—Severe earthquake throughout the whole of California.

1862—Frank R. Stockton, the novelist, died; born 1834.

1903—Fires checked in San Francisco. Total deaths recorded 488. Loss from fire over \$300,000,000. Gross loss from all causes over \$1,000,000.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.  
(From noon today to noon tomorrow.) Sun sets 8:45, rises 5:12. Evening stars: Mars, Saturn. Morning stars: Venus, Jupiter, Mercury.

## CO-OPERATION.

It is an old saying that the devil must sometimes be fought with his own weapons, and the way for the plain people to offset the high prices which trusts and combinations impose upon them is to go into the trust business themselves. This can be done through the medium of co-operation. That co-operative buying and selling can be successfully carried out is evidenced by the marked success that has attended the conduct of the local association, a general summary of which is given in another column. The Rochdale store plan which is now safe-guarded by State laws, is as safe as the banking system of the State.

This system of co-operation can be carried out in the conduct of a curb market with the same beneficial results without the expenditure of a single dollar for capital stock. All that is necessary is for the people to contribute patronage and effort. A co-operation of this by all the people of the town will work wonders in the course of two or three years. If the farmers are assured of this co-operation they will have an incentive to make extra efforts to supply the demands. It is up to the people now to help themselves.

## MONEY MUST GO.

The movement to eliminate the excessive expenditure of money by candidates for county and other public offices is one that meets the approval of all who are interested in the conduct of clean elections. While our present corrupt practices law seeks in a measure to safeguard this feature enough loopholes are left open to evade the restrictions the law would impose. As conditions now are, candidates seeking the nomination of county offices in particular are put to the extremity of spending more money frequently than the office pays as salary.

That practically all of the present

county officials are in favor of this reform should constitute a sentiment that will be a factor in effecting the necessary changes to correct the evils possible under the present law. So long as the bars are down some candidates will start out to make lavish expenditures, which virtually have to be followed by others in order to stand an equal chance in the contest. The result is that the contest oftentimes is decided in favor of the candidate who has the longest purse. This is a pernicious condition and the sooner the evil is corrected the better will conditions be all around.

## ELECTRIC SPARKS

Most anybody can get votes if he has the nerve to run.

It is about time they were getting the steam roller oiled up.

The whole civilized world today is agreed that the Titanic established a record.

One place where the power of advertising fails is in getting a man to like Jack Johnson.

Roosevelt hasn't admitted it but it is rumored nobody was as much surprised at the Pennsylvania primaries as he.

Why people move to Charleroi is a question that is much puzzling to Monessen folks. It's funny they don't know.

A busy man's idea of rest is to do only three-fourths as much work as he would when going at his usual breakneck speed.

They have barred Plymouth Rock chickens over at Monessen. However not from the borough, where they will stand for anything.

A noiseless aeroplane has been invented that cannot be heard 50 yards away. The trouble with that kind of a machine is that it would have to be equipped with a fog horn.

Ex-President Diaz of Mexico in a recent interview declared that he "realized the iron hand alone would keep Mexico prosperous and peaceful." The Mexican people, however, decided that his wasn't the particular iron hand they needed.

The Friday Evening Call has a cute little essay on signs of spring, saying that most people know the approach of spring other than by the appearance in spring attire of such things as the "pussy willow" and the "sweet william." As a matter of fact most people didn't know until that sweet effusion broke forth that spring was announced at all by them.

## PICKED UP IN PASSING

The announcement that the Charleroi Progressive Co-operative Association, better known as the Co-operative Store, at 620 Fallowfield avenue, will celebrate its tenth anniversary on Monday, April 22, serves to call attention to one of the most successful instances of co-operative business ever achieved in this country. Founded upon the old Rochdale plan of co-operative buying and selling that was developed in England and Scotland many years ago, and which has reached gigantic proportions, the Charleroi Progressive Co-operative Association has had a remarkable career of steady advancement. It was organized by a handful of working people in 1902 with a capital of \$100 and a membership of 25. In that year the monthly receipts barely amounted to \$1,000. Now with a membership of 564 the receipts average over \$1,000 a week.

The Rochdale Store plan is a simple method of the co-operative buying and selling of merchandise. It has been worked out on a scientific basis of accuracy to such an extent that an observance of the regulations puts the system on a basis as safe as the banking system of either State or Nation. As it is practically impossible for a National or State bank to fail if the directors obey the law, it is also equally impossible for a business conducted on the Rochdale plan to go wrong if the regulations and laws are fully observed. It may not be generally known that Pennsylvania has laws governing co-operative associations, which outlines a specific system of procedure and provides how the business shall be conducted in regard to the division of profits and the safe-guarding of stock holders. Thus it will be seen that the plan of co-operation, if as carefully safe-guarded by law as the

operation of a bank.

The Charleroi Progressive Co-operative Association conducts a store business on a capital stock composed of shares taken by the members. As soon as these shares are paid up six per cent interest is paid to the holders quarterly. In addition members receive a dividend of four per cent on all the groceries and ten per cent on all the dry goods and shoes purchased. This dividend is also paid quarterly. To become member one must pay a fee of \$1 and make application, and his application is voted upon by the board of directors. If approved each member must take \$25 in shares, \$5 in permanent stock and \$20 in ordinary stock. The first cannot draw interest until it is all paid up. The stock can either be paid for in cash, or it can be paid for by the dividends on the purchases of the members, so that a member need not pay a cent in cash into the association in order to pay for his stock. The advantage of paying for stock in cash is that the member begins to receive interests at once on his stock. The permanent stock, however, must be paid up with

"a year."

The association has also a beneficiary feature, which is called the Rochdale Sick and Death Fund. Ten per cent of the net profits of the business are set aside for this fund, and under certain provisions members are paid sick and death benefits, and are given free physicians' service up to a certain amount. To be eligible to receive these benefits members must have belonged one year; to have bought a minimum of \$100 worth of goods from the association a year for each and every separate year of membership and to have the amount of permanent and ordinary stock paid up. Sick benefits are paid in goods only, at the rate of half of the weekly average of the purchases of the member. The death benefit is cash which is \$10 plus one per cent of the entire purchases of the member, since his admission. Free physician's services to the extent of \$25 a year is also allowed each member eligible to the benefits of the Rochdale Sick and Death Fund. As these benefits are dependent upon the business of the association, the same as that of an insurance company, it will be seen that the provisions can be readily carried out.

The Association also has a Realty company, which purchased the lot and erected the handsome new store building at 620 Fallowfield avenue three years ago. While this company operates under a separate charter, it is under the jurisdiction of the parent association, and cannot be separated from control of the members in any way. The accounts are audited quarterly and statements furnished the members of the business of the association. The gross business of the last quarter amounted to \$14,558.74, which shows an annual business of nearly \$60,000. The association is constantly extending its sphere of action, and is widening the benefits of its members. On the 27th of this month the association will open a branch store in Monessen with a membership of 91, which is considered a good field for operation.

The officers of the Charleroi Progressive Co-operative Association are: President, John Leyda; vice president, Emile Manandise; secretary and manager, August Mahieu; directors, Louis Goazec, David V. Smith, Thos Rosbottom, Frank Lohest, Samuel Pardoe, A. Wildman and Fred Esterfelder. Nothing succeeds like success, and that this association is a success is a most convincing self-evident fact. John Marron, Esq., of Pittsburg in his address at the Charleroi Business Men's Association last week mentioned the fact that one of the indications that Charleroi was composed of progressive people was the fact that it had some successful co-operative associations within its midst.

## LOVER

Mrs. John Shannon and son Arthur who were both operated upon in a Pittsburgh Hospital for appendicitis are getting along very nicely.

Mrs. Furnier near Curtin school house who has been ill is improving.

Mrs. Valeria Smawood who has been ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Carson, is still improving.

Olive Winnett, near Garwood is ill being threatened with fever.

Mrs. Henry Rider near Fallowfield school house, returned home Saturday from a visit with her father, Mr. Bud of Barnesville, Ohio.

Mrs. John A. Carson is spending this week with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Carson.

Miss Hazel Rider near Fallowfield school house, is spending a few days this week with her cousin, Miss Vada Rider.

Miss Margaret Hyatt spent Wed-

nnesday and Thursday with Miss Besie Allmon.

The driving horse belonging to Charles Spahr dropped dead while his father was driving home from Charleroi Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hannen of the Ridge spent Sunday at the home of E. N. Allmon.

Miss Sarah Pepper and brother Floyd of California and Mrs. Robert Campbell of the Ridge spent Sunday at the home of Henry Hannen.

Alex Galbraith and family spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Jacob Gibson.

Samuel Hopewell and family spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Hopewell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrison near Rogers school house.

Miss Ida Reed near Rogers school house has been spending several days with her cousin Miss Besie Allmon and attended the last day of school at White Pigeon Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Pitzer spent Sunday at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Williams of Bentleyville were calling on the former's mother, Mrs. Sarah Williams and attended the last day of school at White Pigeon Wednesday.

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THURSDAY DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISING ARCHITECT Washington, D. C. April 18, 1912

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received in this office until 3 o'clock p.m. on the 31st day of May, 1912 and then opened for the construction of certain buildings, namely, a piped heating apparatus, electric conduits and wiring and lighting fixtures,

of the United States postoffice at Charleroi, Pa. This building is to have two stories and basement of approximately 1,356 square feet ground area; stone faced slate roof, and proposed ceiling height, except in the roof.

No. 1, Twilight School Bridge over South Branch of Maple Creek in Twilight Borough. This bridge is to be constructed of reinforced concrete, with concrete and brick floor, and is 30 ft. span, and 16 foot roadway.

No. 2, The Shearn Bridge over Shearn's Run in Chartiers Twp., near Canonsburg. This bridge is a reinforced concrete arch of 8 foot span, containing 319 cu. yds. of concrete, 11,000 lbs. of steel and requiring 3,800 cu. yds. of earth fill.

No. 3, Rebuilding of abutments of the Griffith Bridge over Pike Run in West Pike Run Township, requiring 115 cu. yds. more or less of new masonry.

A certified check in the sum of \$200.00 or a surety company bond for \$400.00 must accompany each bid.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

John H. Moftit, County Controller. Chaney & Armstrong, County Engineers.

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## YOUNG WIFE SAVED FROM HOSPITAL

Tells How Sick She Was And What Saved Her From An Operation.

Upper Sandusky, Ohio.—"Three years ago I was married and went to house-keeping. I was not feeling well and could hardly drag myself along. I had such tired feelings, my back ached, my sides ached, I had bladder trouble awfully bad, and I could not eat or sleep. I had headaches, too, and became almost a nervous wreck. My doctor told me to go to a hospital, I did not like that idea very well, so, when I saw your advertisement in a paper, I wrote to you for advice, and have done as you told me. I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills, and now I have my health.

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Loan repaid in small weekly or monthly payments. Low rates and easy terms guaranteed. We make loans anywhere within 20 miles of Charleroi. All business strictly confidential.

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Desiree Binger.

Letters of administration c. t. a. in the estate of Desiree Binger, late of the Borough of Charleroi, Washington county, Pennsylvania, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to

Charleroi Savings & Trust Co., Administrator c. t. a. Charleroi, Pa.

David M. McCloskey, Attorney.

## Among the Theatres

### THE PALACE—CHARLEROI

Two great social problem dramas in photoplays—one in the city slums and the other in the lawless open life of the west—were presented at the Palace Theatre this week. One was entitled "The Reformation of Kid Hogan," and the other was "Broncho Bill and the Girl." In the one a Salvation Army lassie works a transformation in the character of a Bowery tough, while in the other a modest home loving girl transforms an outlaw of the plains into a respected citizen. Both told a charming story of the power of love and moral suasion. A great Civil War motion picture, "The Tide of Battle," showed some heroic deeds performed by a girl—a Daughter of the South—for the Lost Cause. Other great dramas were "The Unknown Violinist" and the "Sins of His Father." These were also strong in human interest. In addition to these features were the usual Weekly Paths Bulletin and a wide repertoire of films in which comedy was as strongly pictured as the human interest dramas. Donald J. Garrison also had a repertoire of songs that were especially pleasing.

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William A. Brady will bring to the Alvin next week, the new comedy by George Broadhurst and Mark Swan, called "Just Like John." This is the work designed for the opening next season of Mr. Brady's new Forty Eighth Street Theatre, now approaching completion a few doors West of the playhouse. It will be played moreover in this engagement by the same company that has been assembled for next fall in New York. The organization embraces Walter Jones, who has played the perturbed Jimmy in "Baby Mine" for the past two years with such inimitable drollery; Rapley Holmes, the Sheriff of "The Roundup;" Herbert Yost, the funny lisping bridegroom of "Over Night;" Wallace Worsley, the stalwart leading man of the same company, and Florine Arnold, who made one of the greatest artistic hits of recent times in Mrs. Fiske's presentation of "Mrs. Bumpstead Leigh."

"John," as played by Walter Jones, is a United States Secret Service man assigned to break up a group of anarchists, and in pursuance of this dandified purpose he ingratiates himself with the fierce leading spirits of political chaos. Among these is a woman who thinks it her heaven-born duty to maim, murder or otherwise obliterate kings, potentates and other representatives of law and order—but in other respects she is as tender-hearted and sentimental as a schoolgirl. This latter state is discovered by "John" to his dismay as well as to the disruption of his domestic happiness and from the complication thus indicated the ludicrous incidents of the story arise.

### A Nautical Christening.

Some years ago a slow sailing vessel, when some 600 miles from Liver pool, picked up a lusty youngster of five years lashed to a mast.

The captain took—a great liking to him, called him his son and decided that the little chap must be christened—one of the few things which he knew must be attended to in the case of children.

Of course there was no chaplain aboard, so the captain himself undertook the ceremony. He gathered the men about him, and with a mixed knowledge of his duties, he glared about him and asked whether any one knew just cause why the boy should not be christened.

"If there is," he roared, "speak up like a man or forever hold your tongue."

Then he suddenly cracked a bottle of wine over his head and christened him.

The ocean wail is now settled down—a steady longshoreman, but he still relates with satisfaction the story of his christening.

### Rise in Russian Lakes.

During the last 20 years the lakes of Russian Central Asia have shown a steady rise of water-level. Within this period, or since 1885, the Sea of Aral has risen about six and a half feet. The phenomenon has accompanied a period of agmentation of rainfall.

### Question of Disposition.

Dissatisfied Patron—Gentle disposition. Why, he wants to bite the head off every dog he meets. I've been swindled!" Dog Merchant—"You didn't ought to keep dogs at all, mister. The animals you ought to keep with your temperament is silkworms."

### Philippine Advancement.

Works of the Philippine Railway company in Cebu and Panay are being made to promote agriculture along its lines. At every station there is an exhibit of the products and instructions are published for the best methods of agriculture. The shape of the country at Davao are extensive and of a high order. The machinery is all modern.

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One of the most comprehensive endorsements that the Taft administration has ever received was contained in the speech of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt as temporary chairman of the New York Republican state convention at Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1910. The first two paragraphs of the speech were as follows:

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"The amendments to the interstate commerce law, beginning of a national legislative program for the exercise of the taxing power in connection with big corporations doing an interstate business, the appointment of a commission to frame measures that do away with the evils of overcapitalization and of improper and excessive issues of stocks and bonds, the law providing for publicity of campaign expenses, the establishment of the maximum and minimum tariff provisions and the exceedingly able negotiation of the Canadian and other treaties in accordance therewith, the inauguration of the policy of providing for a disinterested revision of tariff schedules through a high class commission of experts which will treat each schedule purely on its own merits with a view to protecting the consumer from excessive prices and to securing the American producer and especially the American wage worker what will represent the difference of cost in production here as compared with the cost of production in countries where labor is less liberally rewarded, the extension of the laws regulating safety appliances for the protection of labor and the creation of a bureau of mines. These and similar laws, backed up by executive action, reflect high credit upon all who succeeded in putting them in their present shape upon the statute books. They represent an earnest of the achievement which is yet to come, and the beneficence and far-reaching importance of this work done for the whole people measure the credit which is rightly due to the congress and to our able, upright and distinguished president, William Howard Taft."

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